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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Colonel Glenn Smith, Senate Preparedness
Investigating Subcommittee Staff

1. On this date, following up on his request, I met with Colonel Glenn Smith of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff. Colonel Smith had previously indicated that he desired our assistance in work which he would be doing on a speech by Senator Henry M. Jackson.
2. Today, Colonel Smith said that Senator Jackson has expressed considerable concern that people are being lulled into a false sense of security as a result of the present "soft line" between the USSR and the U.S. He mentioned specifically the approach being taken by ACDA in pressing for an all-inclusive nuclear test ban treaty with the USSR. Senator Jackson feels that our concentration on Vietnam and our concern over the nuclear and other threats from Communist China have caused us to relax our vigilance with respect to the Soviet Union.
3. Colonel Smith pointed out that Senator Jackson is well informed on this subject because of the periodic briefings he receives in his various committees, but he feels that a great many other senators are not informed and should be. It is for this reason that he intends to make the speech. Colonel Smith realizes that it will be difficult to speak to this subject without getting into classified areas but feels it can be done. He would like our assistance in providing him with facts and figures as well as general information on Soviet missile production and the status of their atomic energy program. I mentioned to Colonel Smith that our people had recently prepared a paper on the Soviet economic situation. This paper deals with the general misunderstanding that increases in the Soviet agricultural budget necessarily bring about a corresponding decrease in

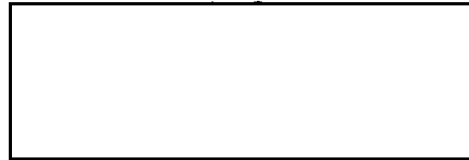
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the military budget. This paper was made available to the Joint Economic Committee which made very little use of it. It might be of some use to Colonel Smith. In this connection, he said that Dorothy Fosdick, of Senator Jackson's National Security and Staffing Subcommittee staff, is also collaborating with him on this subject.

4. It had been Colonel Smith's original impression that Senator Jackson wanted to make this speech early next year, however, the Senator is now discussing the possibility of making it before this session ends. Colonel Smith is skeptical that this can be accomplished but feels he must at least make an effort to do so. He would like whatever assistance we feel we can give him in this respect. I told him I would discuss this with our people and be back in touch with him.

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